

REMARKS

Claims 3, 17 and 20 have been amended to correct typographical errors or to otherwise further recite the invention, all without the intention of narrowing the scope of any of the claims. The foregoing amendment to the specification adds a cross reference to the European priority application. No new matter has been added.

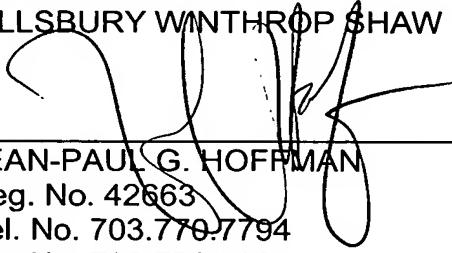
While the undersigned can find no record of the authorization by John Darling of the firm Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP to cancel claim 24, Applicant hereby cancels claims 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Further to complete the record, the Examiner contacted John Darling of the firm Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP on August 29, 2005 to discuss whether Applicant would be willing to incorporate the subject matter of claim 14 into claim 1. On September 1, 2005, John Darling called the Examiner to indicate that Applicant was not willing to do so at that time.

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